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Literae

Louis Kaskin, Editor

ANIMAL SAGACITY

Peter Lamb was telling the crowd down at the grocery store about the educated pig which he had seen playing eucher in the city. When he finished his story the professor said.

"That's nothing. I've seen animals do queerer things than that. I knew a man out in Ohio who had a cow that understood grammar. She could point you an adverb with one of her horns and pick out a pronoun or a verb and parse a sentence as well as anybody. Didn't make any difference what language it was, in either Hebrew, Greek or Latin or any of those languages. That cow'd hop 'round and parse in a manner that's take your breath away.

Bill Slocum, of Indianapolis, had a rooster that's beat that, though. He had a gift for music and Bill gave him lessons until he got so that he used to go down to the Baptist Church on Sun-

day and sing tenor in the choir. Not the words, you know, but kinder hummer over the tune so's it sounded first rate. And Bill said he seemed to take an interest in the sermon and whenever the minister'd let out any facts that were striking Bill's rooster'd jump on the edge of the gallery and flap his wings and crow, as much as to say "By George, them's my sentiment," and he was useful, too, for when the boys in the back pews behaved badly he'd fly down and bang 'em over the head a few times with his wings until they shut up. They had to shut him out at last, though. He contracted a habit of singing long-meter hymns and the people didn't like it.

But old Captain Binns, down at 'Squan Beach, had the most singular animal I ever came across. He had a pet clam that set up on an edge and rolled over the floor toward him whenever

he whistled to it. And that clam—now I know you'll think I'm blowing, but I'll tell you the solemn truth—that clam, when it was bedtime, would roll upstairs, climb on the bed, grab the covers with its shells, turn 'em down, turn up the gas, and then roll downstairs, bolt the front door, and go sliding off to the cellar to sleep in the scouring sand. I saw that clam once fight a dog for two hours and although the dog swallowed it three times, it always crawled out and tacked him again as pluckily as ever.

Yes, it was a little the strangest case I ever knew. But Dr. Smith, of Dyerstown, had a poll parrot that used to play Hamlet all the way through as good as Forrest ever played it; and he owned a cat that could dab its tail in the ink-pot and snake out about half of "Paradise Lost" on a board; wrote a beautiful hand; you could read it as clear as print. The doctor had a turn for training animals. I know he owned a lobster that used to stand on its tail and clap its

claws as much as to say: "Encore! Encore!" when the poll parrot did the ghost scene and that used to hobble along after the cat, punctuating the sentences with the blacking brush.

But, funniest of all, he had a Cotswold ram that used to stand with his four legs on a drum and beat the long roll, while he played an accordion with his teeth. I've seen that ram—

"Oh, dry up!" exclaimed Miles, the storekeeper.

"What did you say?"

"I say, dry up! You know mighty well you're lying."

"Well, s'pose I am, what's a man's imagination given to him for but to use? You have no sense. Blame me if I'll drink anything at your expense, if you talk that way to me. But if you don't mind, I'll help myself to a cracker."

The professor reached for one, got it, bit into it, and sauntered out in search of a man for whom he had sufficient respect to accept a drink from him.

ABE RADLER, 17.

THE MEXICAN SITUATION

Ever since President Wilson has ordered the seizure of Vera Cruz, newspapers in all parts of the country have been discussing the possibilities of a war with Mexico. Although they differ in opinion as to who would be the victor, they predict that the United States will have a hard time in subduing Mexico.

In this article I will try to show how wrong those papers are in their views. I will discuss each point separately.

Firstly, the opinion of some papers and of some noted men such as Ex-President Taft, is that the Mexican soldier can stand more hardships than the soldier of the United States. Their claim is that the Mexican soldiers can march and fight for days on nothing but a few beans.

Secondly, the Mexicans would use guerilla warfare; they would take to the mountains when whipped and attack the army from an ambush when least ex-

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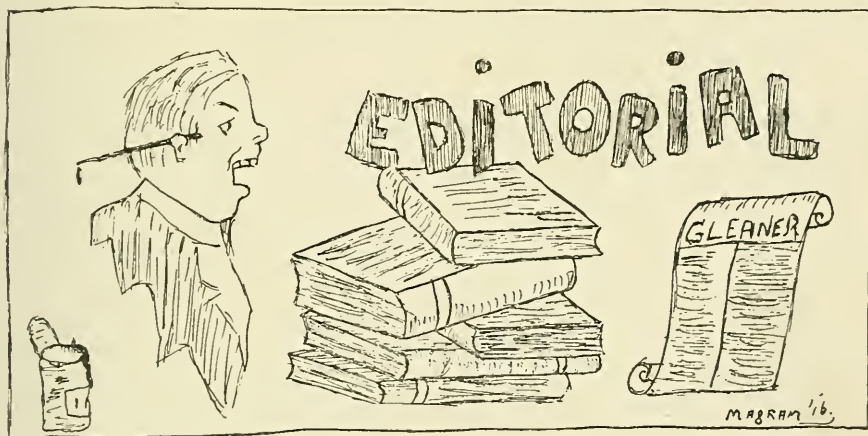
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Samuel Lechner, Editor-in-Chief

With the issuance of this, our third anniversary number, we complete the third volume of the "Gleaner."

It has been an uphill struggle from the beginning and many obstacles which at first appeared insurmountable have been overcome only to encounter new ones in our path. In three short years we have had successively a twelve-page mimeograph sheet, an eight-page printed number, then we enlarged to a twelve-page copy and now we

have a 16-page "Gleaner" with a monthly cartoon on Farm School life as one of its best features. Yet, withal, we are not satisfied; our path lies ahead; we cannot rest content until our paper has attained the same prestige as the best periodicals in our class. This is, indeed, a worthy goal to strive for and needs the undivided support of all those who are in any way connected or interested in our paper.

The annual Installation Day exercises we held Sunday, June 7th,

on the Farm School grounds. A good-sized audience attended and the day was in every way a success. The presence of our President, Dr. Krauskopf, was greatly missed, as was evidenced on all sides. Many notables were present, including among them educators and agriculturists from all parts of the State. The speaker of the day was President Butterfield, of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, who struck the keynote of the day's exercises when in the course of his speech he "welcomed the incoming class into that great fellowship—the agricultural industry."

We hear on all sides of us, hot discussions, clamorings and wails going up to heaven and to Congress that the farmer cannot get any credit; that he is always in need of money to carry his projects through.

But with all this we have a sys-

tem of credit which, although not perfect, is still a good substitute. A name for industry and integrity will go further in obtaining credit for the farmer than for the manufacturer in the city.

It is extremely uncommon in the manufacturing industries for credits to be extended to more than ninety days and yet instances are very common where most agricultural dealings run for a period of six months or more on credit. Cows can be purchased on six months' credit; farm implements are purchased on three to six months' time and instances are not rare where in purchasing large outfits of expensive farm machinery the time for payment runs past two years.

The system of farm mortgages, another method of credit, whereby the farmer can obtain ready cash at any time to carry his projects through.

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pected.

Thirdly, that the Mexican is an Indian and therefore a natural fighter and can stand war better than the American.

True, the Mexican soldiers can live on very little food but what chance do they stand against a well-fed army as that of the United States?

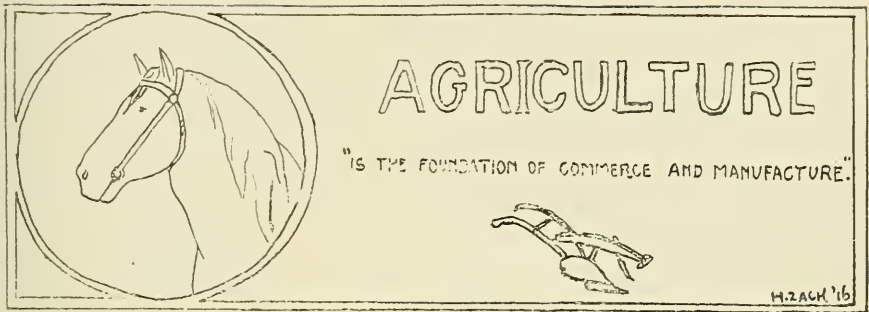
True, the Mexican is capable of using guerilla fighting, but the spirit of their country cannot be compared to that of an American soldier even though the army under Huerta and Villa is fighting for a piece of promised land for each soldier. It would not take long for them to join the United States army if they

should find out that under the United States government their industries would flourish.

Several Mexicans have told me that they were willing to give their life for their country in a war with any nation except the United States, and, in fact, they would fight for the United States against their own country.

While we hope that the affair with Mexico will be settled peacefully, these facts go to show us that in case of war with Mexico we, the United States, are bound to be the victor and forever wipe out the horrors and crimes that are being committed in Mexico.

Meyer Stoloroff, '13.



Harry Shor, Editor

POULTRY FARMING

There is money in every branch of farming, but there are very few men who can get the money out of it. This is especially true of poultry farming.

Many city people have been misled by promising advertisement of real estate owners of the large amount of money and the ease of making money in poultry farming. The result is that the amateur starts out in poultry farming on a large scale, spending all his money for buildings and equipments.

The inexperienced man buys a large stock, nine cases out of ten he does not get the right breed for his market. The poultry man must have a thorough knowledge of his market condition so he may sell his produce at the most profitable price. The proper feeding of poultry for profitable production of meat or eggs can not be learned in one day. While one flock may do well on certain feed another may not do as well.

As the result of this ignorance of the amateur poultry man as to the proper care of hens for best

results he finds himself on the road to bankruptcy, sells his farm and goes back to the city and says "never again," and always making sure to blame the farm for his failure and not himself.

Therefore, the amateur who goes into poultry farming must, above all, possess natural ability, one who will love the hens and be willing to get right down to work for them. He should not go in on a large scale, but should buy a few birds of a breed best adapted to his market condition and for his section. He should not invest much money in buying hoppers and other small items which he can construct himself. He should study his breed and increase his flock as he gains more experience.

HARRY SHOR, '15.

Henry Ross has been appointed as sanitary inspector at the Main Barn. He is doing very creditably taking care that the milkers are clean and the cows' udders are washed thoroughly before milking.

NEWS OF THE FARM

The corn at Farm No. 3 has come up better and earlier than on any other farm in this section, and is kept under frequent cultivation. Several acres of pole lima beans have been planted and a large yield is expected. The barns and buildings have been whitewashed and the grounds are in spick-and-span condition.

Several new buildings have been added to the poultry department a new concrete floor has been constructed in the brooder house.

The second spraying of peach, apple, pear and quince trees has been completed and a large yield is expected from the condition the trees are in.

A large quantity of the earliest and best egg, tomato and pepper plants in this section of the country has been sold from the greenhouse.

The tomatoes under glass are producing large yields and are selling at a high price.

The flower beds have been planted and kept in excellent condition.

Cucumbers have been planted in the upper greenhouse.

The kitchen garden is producing excellent yields of early peas, radishes and onions.

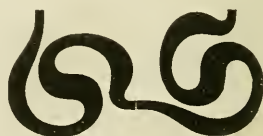
Our entire herd has been tested, with tuberculine and not a trace of tuberculosis has been found in our whole herd of sixty cows.

During my stay at the poultry department I have learned that the feeding of skim milk to hens, when gotten at a considerably low cost, pays very well. The feeding of ten quarts of skim milk a day to our hens has increased our egg yield about twenty eggs daily. The following figures will show that the increase is profitable.

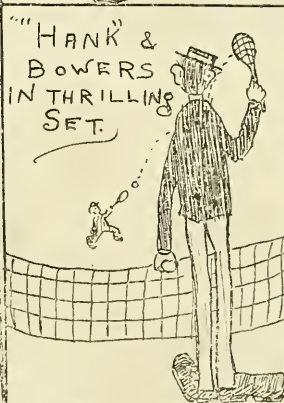
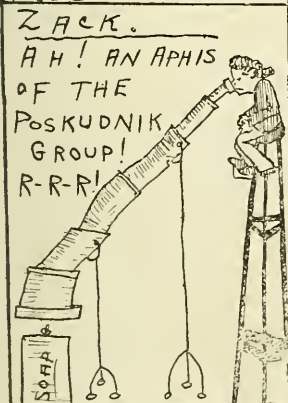
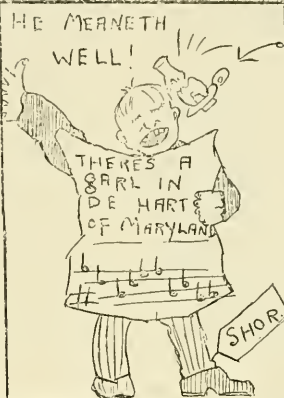
We fed 10 quarts of skim milk a day at $\frac{1}{2}$ -cent a quart is five cents, and increase of 20 eggs is forty cents a day. We realized that thirty-five cents a day over the cost.

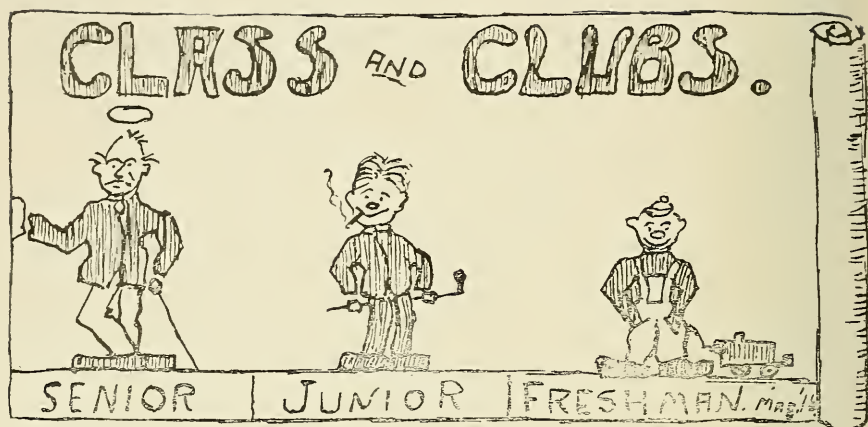
H. S., '15.

Our tennis teams are gradually rounding into professional form under the constant coaching of Manager Light, and very keen competing tournaments are expected. A very interesting schedule with outside schools is being drawn up and we are looking forward confidently for the championship in this sport. The teams have not as yet been announced, in order that the spirit of those not fortunate enough to make the team might prevail. We think that it is a very wise move on the part of Manager Light.



OUR MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT





Samuel Dorfman, Editor

CLASS OF 1915.

We have adopted for our motto "The Square Deal."

Although we are few in number we expect to make a creditable showing in the coming inter-class track meet.

Ross, "the Iron Man," is back with us and is showing his usual interest in all school and class activities.

H. S.

1916.

With the hot weather in full swing, we find ourselves more cheerful and enthusiastic than ever. It may be due to the fact that the haying season is approaching or to the fact that "Camp Arden" will soon be adorned with the amiable sex. At any rate we are happy.

We are looking forward with

great interest toward the coming inter-class track meet.

B. W.

CLASS OF 1917.

On June 17th we were formally installed as Freshmen. Several of our classmates have left us among whom are H. Seigel, Popkin and Spiegel.

Several of our members have joined the literary society and more are urged to do likewise.

L. M.

LITERARY SOCIETY

During the summer our Society will suspend its regular weekly meetings and meet once a month.

The recent successful debates held before the Literary Society suggest the introduction of a course of inter-class debates which we hope soon to realize.

B. W.

NATURE STUDY CLUB.

Our meetings have been frequent and interesting. Under the leadership of Miss Borden our studies in the realm of Dame Nature have been instructive and entertaining. We have learned the calls of various common birds, their habitat and mode of living.

A constitution for the government of the society has been framed and accepted.

Our officers are:

Director, Miss L. P. Borden.

President, Max Semel, '15.

Vice President, Benj. Robb, '16.

Secretary, Elmer Klein, '15.

Curator—Robert L. Ellis, '16.

We are pleased to note that the members of the N.S.C. have learned the various cat-calls, mode of high living and degree of refinement of our feathered neighbors.

The tennis manager is requested to watch Sweitzer and Boonin who are rapidly developing into tennis stars. Boonin's fancy playing and Sweitzer with his speed would be an unbeatable combination.

Since Ross has returned from the hospital his affinity for the fair sex has increased.

Agricultural Department please note: Team Cephas together with Dorey and have Wade for the driver.

Morris Druckman, the Egyptian Sphinx,
Never speaks or ever sings,
The reason for his silence is this:
He is the only anarchist.

Robert L. Ellis, with a fancy way,
Preaches farming every day;
In manner sweet and voice that's loud,
He knows not what he's talking about.

He knows nothing of boars or sows,
Chickens, horses, bulls or cows.
He doesn't mind what I say now.
'Cause he doesn't hear me any-how.

Junior to MacNealy (gardener)
"You should have named your daughter Barberry."

Mac—"Why?"

Junior—"Because all the boys are getting stuck on her."

Seigman (entering the barn):
"A horse! a horse! My kingdom for a horse!"

Light—"You can have Tobey."

Mutt and Jeff's only rival—
"Biff" Kremens and Ginsberg.

Pitching hay is not as easy as pitching baseballs. Ask Wagner!

...Athletics...

Milton G. Frank, Editor

Although successful this year in whipping into shape a team of championship calibre, we have been correspondingly unsuccessful in completing our schedule in a satisfactory manner.

The game to be played with the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf was cancelled by them because the terms were unsatisfactory to both parties.

For May 23d a game was scheduled with Abington High School, but we received notice from them that they would concede the game to us as they did not care to bear the traveling expenses for a trip only to be badly trounced. Therefore, the game goes to Farm School by forfeit.

A game was scheduled to be played with Perkasio High School on May 30th, but did not put in an appearance at the hour scheduled, thereby forfeiting the game.

The games to be played are:

June 13, Knights of King Arthur.

June 20, Girard College.

Let us hope that the aforementioned teams will show true sportsmanship by showing up on the grounds.

The annual Freshman-Junior baseball game was played on May 10th and a very close and exciting contest resulted. Although at the start the Freshmen ruled the favorites and on paper would seem to

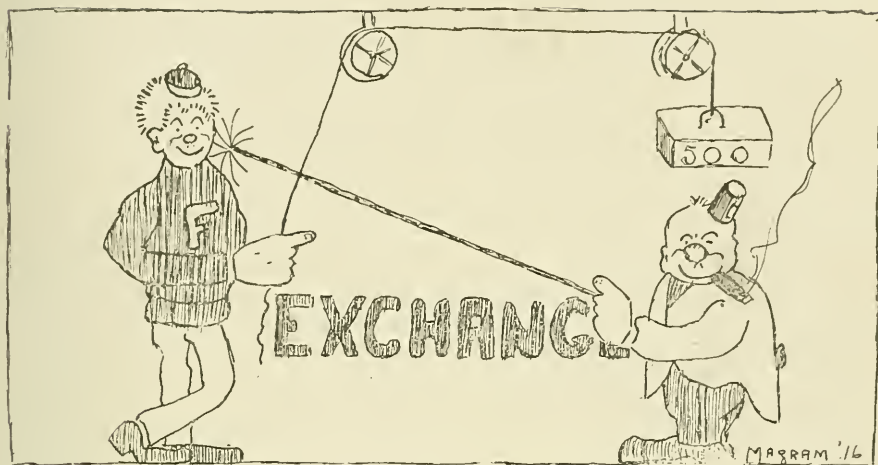
have had the better team the Juniors by a display of spirit and sheer pluck were able to make a very creditable showing.

The Freshmen ran up a large score in the first few innings, but the Juniors by superior batting overcame the lead until at the end of the ninth inning the score stood at a tie, 11-11. The Freshmen went first to bat in the tenth and managed to place men on second and third. As the runner rounded third base the coacher touched him, thereby violating the rule and the runner was out under the rules. The umpire declared the man safe, claiming the ball had not been in play at the moment of contact of coacher and runner. The Juniors refused to abide by this decision and walked off the field. The umpire therefore declared the game forfeited to the Freshmen by the score of 9-0.

The hot weather seems to be of little hinderance to the track team. Day in and day out they could be seen pacing the gravel roads of our campus.

Captain Ross is very anxious to put out a team of Farm School calibre and does not expect to let up the constant practice, until the excellent schedule arranged by Manager Billig is completed.





Benjamin Wade, Editor

The June issues of most of our exchange friends will mark the passing of another anniversary of those contemporaries. We hope that new ideals, hopes and endeavors will dominate the spirit of our contemporaries when they make their appearance again in the "golden fall."

Our paper is still in its infancy. The valuable comments and criticisms of our contemporaries, regarding the "Gleaner" were gladly taken in the congenial tone in which they were rendered.

We gratefully beg to acknowledge receipt of the following exchanges:

The Ides, Shamokin High School Review, the Archive, the Blue and Gray, Southron, the Record, Sioux City; the Minor, Bethlehem, Pa.; the Mt. Airy World, High School Recorder, Brooklyn, N. Y.; the Student, Covington, Ky.; Hilltop, the

School Review, the Academy Scholium, Delaware College Review, the Irwinian, Old Gold and Blue, Garnet and White, the Bulletin, Montclair, N. J.; the H. A. S. Record, the Jeffersonian, the Commerce Caravel, The Advocate, Vail-Deane Budget, the Oracle, Cincinnati; The Spectator, Red and Black, the Normal Review, Orient.

The Ides: "Your article entitled 'Home Rule for Ireland' is splendid. From the educational point of view this article is excelled by none of the articles of our other exchanges. Timely current events articles such as the one mentioned above, ought to be of frequent occurrence in the school papers."

The Garnet and White: "The two poems in your Literary Department are very good and balance this Department splendidly."

With Our Graduates

ALUMNI

"Time rolls his ceaseless course."

The annual spring exercises and consecration of festive and memorial trees of the National Farm School, which was held on the campus on June 7th, extended another opportunity to our graduates to visit once more in a body dear Alma Mater. Among those present were Moskowitz, Redalia, Ullman, Work, Charon, Witkin, Rudley and Greenberg. The graduates related their experiences in the arena of life and told of their various successes attained in their chosen vocation of agriculture. Their words held a splendid encouragement for the students of the school, who, in the course of time, hope to lead an agricultural life.

L. L. Redalia, '13, is managing an eighty-five-acre orchard of 12,000 peach and 3000 apple trees at Narvon, Pa.

Frederick Weigle, '14, and Julius Ulman, '14, are located with L. L. Redalia, '13, at Narvon, Pa. Weigle has assumed full charge of the poultry department while Ulman is successfully managing the dairy.

E. Johnston, '14, is located at Neshaminy, Pa., where he is engaged in truck farming. While

at school, Johnston's delight was raising garden crops and it is expected that he will soon be successful as an intensive farmer.

Oscar Charon, '14, accepted an offer of managing a gentleman's estate at Hatboro, Pa. Oscar is learning landscape gardening.

A. Witkin, '13, has charge of a large greenhouse in Philadelphia. He hopes to buy soon a greenhouse and engage in the raising of flowers.

L. Ginsburg, '14, is engaged in diversified farming at Fountain, Mass. Ginsburg is teaching the Yankees some farming.

A. Burcheck, Ex '15, expects to enter the California State College of Agriculture, where he will specialize in animal husbandry and dairying.

David Friedman, '12, is now a sophomore at Utah State College of Agriculture, Logan, Utah.

A. J. Friedman, '14, expects to enter the Penn. State College of Agriculture and specialize in greenhouse and nursery work.

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